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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Rules applicable to vessels carrying grain, which arrive at Sydney, New South Wales, from California.

[Sent by P. A. Surg. H. S. Cumming.]

1. Vessels which have not lain alongside at San Francisco wharves, which have not taken on board fodder or grain which has passed through San Francisco, will be allowed to discharge alongside at Sydney, provided they are moored with the precaution specified in the regulations in force under the wharfage and tonnage rates act of June 19, 1902.

2. Vessels which have lain alongside at San Francisco wharves, and have afterwards proceeded to load grain at Vallejo, will be allowed to discharge alongside at Sydney, provided—

(a) They have been fumigated with sulphur after hauling off at San Francisco and all rats have been destroyed.

(b) They have not afterwards lain alongside San Francisco wharves before arriving at Sydney.

(c) They have not taken on board fodder or grain which has passed through San Francisco.

(d) They are moored at Sydney with the precautions specified in the regulations made under the wharfage and tonnage rates act of June 19, 1902.

3. The evidence of the fumigation referred to shall consist in a certificate given by the British consul of San Francisco, and shall be in the following form:

I (name), His British Majesty's consul-general at San Francisco, hereby certify that the (name of vessel), after lying alongside at San Francisco, hauled off into the stream and was there fumigated in all parts by the burning of sulphur in the proportion of not less than 3 pounds of sulphur to every 1,000 cubic feet of air space, and that all parts were kept closed so as to be exposed to the fumes for not less than twelve hours before being opened up for ventilation (or was fumigated with a Clayton fumigator, and was exposed in all parts to the fumes for six hours before being opened up for ventilation).

4. Evidence as to the place of loading will be taken from the log.

5. Owners or agents shall give an undertaking to faithfully carry out the regulations under the wharfage and tonnage rates act of June 19, 1902, as long as any vessel lies alongside at Sydney, and to pay the wages of any person employed by the board to see that the regulations are duly observed, if called upon to do so.

A copy of the regulations referred to is attached.

BARBADOS.

Smallpox situation.

Consul MacAllister reports, January 13, as follows: There are now only 15 cases of smallpox in Barbados. An occasional new case occurs,